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REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application and stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Office Action restricted the claims as follows:

RESTRICTION

- Group I: Claims 1-7 drawn to a method of extruding a polymer blend;
- Group II: Claims 8-11 and 13-14 drawn to polymer blend composition;
- Group III: Claims 12, 15, and 16-22 drawn to a polymer article; and
- Group IV: Claims 23-24 drawn to a method of measuring melt instability.

In response thereto, Applicants hereby elect Claims 1-22 (of Groups I-III), with traverse.

The basis of Applicants' traversal is that Claims 1-7, 8-12, and 16-22 as currently drafted, have variations of the same claim limitations and should not be subject to restriction. Further, claim 13 depends from Claim 8, and Claim 15 depends from Claim 13, and such claims should not be subject to this restriction into separate groups. Simply put, due to the current claim limitations, Claims 1-22 are closely related and these claims should not be broken into three separate groups. **Thus, Applicants elect Claims 1-22 (of Groups I-III) with traverse, and cancel Claims 23-24 of Group IV (Claims 8-22 are provisionally withdrawn).**

If the Examiner is not persuaded by Applicants' explanation, Applicants elect Claims 1-7 (Group I drawn to a method of extruding a polymer blend), and reserve the right to rewrite the remainder of the claims so that they depend from Claim 1.

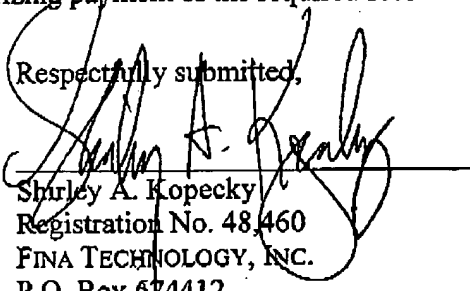
This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 22, 2006.

Applicants are also concurrently filing a Request for a three (3) month Extension of Time in which to respond, and are authorizing payment of the required fees.

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Respectfully submitted,


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